

Whereas, Timothy L. Moore is the recipient of the Meritorious Service award; and

Whereas, Timothy L. Moore is the recipient of the NATO Medal; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Timothy L. Moore for his contributions to his community and country.

# RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE ARMED SERVICES

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 297 Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the integration of the Armed Services. The bill recognizes the anniversary of President Truman's executive order declaring a policy of equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.

The legacy of racism in America is one that runs so deep that even those that were willing to die for this country did not have basic rights while living in it. The process of getting army integration to be reflected in the law took over 15 years, but just like racial inequality throughout the U.S., it took much longer de facto.

I served in the all-black 503rd Field Artillery Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Division during the Korean War from 1948 until 1952. Today I am proud to see that it is a much different reality for our servicemen of color. Today we fight side by side with all races with one mission and respect for the value of each individual life. But we take this time to honor the 60th anniversary because we must continue to honor those that fought for this country while suffering under the extra burden of inequality, as well as those that fought for justice in the army and outside of it.

## THE DAILY 45: FROM COAST TO COAST

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Forty-five violent stories of tragedy every day are 45 too many.

From coast to coast, the stories affect us all. On Saturday night, in Seattle, Washington, a 17-year-old boy was fatally shot during an argument involving more than 20 young men at a fast-food restaurant.

On Sunday night, in Washington, DC, Frank L. Parker, a 47-year-old man, was found fatally shot in the 300 block of Parkland Place, SE.

On Monday afternoon, in Chicago, Mario Lopez, a 19-year-old man, was fatally shot in a West Side park. These are only three stories of 135 stories that could be told just between Saturday, July 12 and Monday, July 14.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

## TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE MATTHEWS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Marjorie Matthews.

Marjorie Matthews prodigiously served the Kings County Hospital Center Community Advisory Board for twenty years, as vice chair from 1990 to 1994 and as chair from 1994 until 2001, where she championed the cause of better service to the Brooklyn community.

Marjorie Matthews labored as a committed and strong advocate for the redevelopment of the Kings County Hospital Center and worked diligently to rebuild the facilities for the benefit of all. Throughout her remarkable career in the healthcare field, she became a formidable leader whose work spanned the length and breadth of Brooklyn, as demonstrated through her devotion to the children of Brooklyn, herculean service on the Community School Board District 16 and pioneering work with the Head Start Program at P.S. 262.

The model of citizenship set forth by Marjorie Matthews is a guide to all wishing to make their communities better, the lives of our children brighter and our city stronger, which she established through inspiration and a lasting legacy for future generations.

Madam Speaker, I cannot in this short time do justice to the life and achievements of Marjorie Matthews. As a lifelong change agent, her dedication was boundless and her courage unparalleled.

On behalf of New York's Tenth Congressional District, I salute and commend Marjorie Matthews for her distinguished record of service to the residents of New York's Tenth Congressional District and beseech all those she left behind to continue her outstanding work. Sadly, she has left us but not before she bestowed her indelible mark on our community, on our lives, and in our hearts.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marjorie Matthews and the wonderful example that she represented.

## THE DEBBIE SMITH REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5057, "The Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act," legislation that I introduced to ensure that the nationwide backlog of DNA evidence is processed. I was pleased to have been joined in introducing the legislation by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, Chairman

CONYERS and Ranking Member SMITH, and I want to thank them for their support and commitment to this issue. I also want to commend Chairman SCOTT and Ranking Member GOHMERT for their leadership in getting H.R. 5057 to the Floor today.

I have been working on this issue since 2001 when I, along with former Representative Steve Horn, held a hearing in the Government Reform Committee where we heard from the courageous rape survivor, Debbie Smith. Debbie recounted her horrifying story . . . how an intruder broke into her home and raped her in the nearby woods. Six years later her assailant was charged with her rape because DNA processing techniques had produced a "cold hit."

Inspired by Debbie's story, I resolved to do something to combat the epidemic of violence against women in the United States, where a sexual assault occurs every two minutes.

I knew that DNA processing techniques could serve as conclusive proof in countless other rape cases. But I was outraged that a backlog of hundreds of thousands of rape kits, with DNA evidence already collected, were gathering dust in police stations and crime labs all over the country . . . all because of inadequate government funding.

It was for Debbie, and the thousands of rape survivors like her, that I authored "The Debbie Smith Act" to provide federal funding to process the unconscionable backlog of DNA evidence.

I first introduced this legislation in 2001. In 2004, it was signed into law as part of the "Justice For All Act," comprehensive DNA legislation that has helped bring justice to rape survivors and their families across the country.

The "Justice For All Act" accomplished several critical objectives including authorizing the necessary funding, \$151,000,000 in each fiscal year from FY2005 through FY2009, to start processing the backlog of DNA evidence through the creation of the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program. Since 2004, millions of dollars in funding have been appropriated under the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program.

Because this groundbreaking program's authorization expires at the end of FY2009, H.R. 5057 extends the program through FY2014. Estimates place the number of unprocessed rape kits nationwide in the tens and possibly hundreds of thousands. Each kit represents an innocent life and a rapist who may commit multiple rapes before he is caught.

DNA is remarkable evidence. It doesn't forget, it can't be confused, it can't be intimidated and it doesn't lie. While an eyewitness can easily get mixed up about height, weight, hair color—DNA never changes its story.

Debbie's bravery and dedication to working with me to pass "The Debbie Smith Act," which was no small feat, has already made a tremendous impact on our justice system. I also want to acknowledge RAINN for its steadfast support of "The Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act" and for its efforts on behalf of sexual assault victims and survivors.

Tragically, only six percent of rapists will spend any time in jail. Congress must continue to support programs, like the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, that help to put rapists in prison and reduce violence against women.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.